Open School certificate holders ineligible for admission in Higher classes.

Computer Education in Kendriya Vidyalayas

3100. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that computer education has been introduced recently in about 3000 Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, whether a computer-education-fee is being charged from students opting therefor;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that while this fee is being charged from students, not a single computer is available in schools for the preceding six months or more; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir. Computer Education has been introduced in 452 Vidyalayas only so far.

(b) and (c) The Computer Education fee @ Rs. 20 per month per student is charged.

(d) and (e) Computer fee is charged from the students only when the Computer Education is imparted.

Prayer in Colleges

3101. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students do not start their daily classes in colleges with prayers, as they do in schools;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to make prayers in colleges compulsory; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Central Government/ UGC have not issued any instructions in this regard. Further, there is no proposal, to make prayers in colleges compulsory.

Compulsory military training to graduates

3102. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce compulsory military training, for at least two years, to all the graduates, with modest stipends, before allowing them to apply for Government jobs, in order to inculcate better discipline in all Government servants;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No such proposal has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

AICTE permission for IT courses

3103. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Information Technology has become very important now-a-days; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider and give directions to All India Council for Technical Education to grant permission to all secondary and higher secondary schools. Government colleges to start computer courses and permit them to issue certificates to students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Government of